

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

In the Matter of Application of)	
Nexus Communications, Inc.)	Docket No. 2004-59-C
For Approval of Proposed Service Discontinuance)	Docket No. 2008-275-C

APPLICATION

Nexus Communications, Inc. (“Nexus”) by counsel and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-300, hereby respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) approve the discontinuance of its provision of **wireline** competitive local exchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and, accordingly, allow Nexus to relinquish the above-referenced Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), granted on September 3, 2004.¹ Nexus plans to discontinue its wireline services, relinquish its CPCN to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services, cancel its wireline service tariff, and relinquish its **wireline** Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation.² Nexus has a pending Application for designation as a *wireless* ETC for Low Income (“Lifeline”) support only in South Carolina *that is not affected by this Application*.³ Nexus wishes to provide wireless services in the State notwithstanding the discontinuance of its wireline service.

Concisely, Nexus has increasingly focused its business on providing prepaid *wireless* Lifeline service in over 30 states. Moreover, Nexus has determined that market conditions make it unfeasible to continue provision of wireline intrastate services. Consequently, Nexus proposes

¹ See Order No. 2004-421 in Docket No. 2004-59-C (Sept.3, 2004).

² See Order No. 2009-316 in Docket No. 2008-275-C (June 10, 2009).

³ Application of Nexus Communications, Inc., Docket No. 2013-15-C (filed December 31, 2012).

to discontinue its wireline service offerings in all of its service areas and to become a wireless-only provider.

Subject to receipt of regulatory approvals, Nexus plans to discontinue the affected services on **January 20, 2015**.

In connection with this filing, Nexus submits the following information:

Number of affected customers and type of service offering: Nexus currently serves only **18** wireline customers in South Carolina. Nexus proposes to discontinue wireline local exchange service, including Lifeline local exchange service, currently provided to these customers.

Customer notification: Written notice by first-class mail to all affected wireline customers was sent on December 16, 2014, notifying them that Nexus will cease providing the wireline local exchange services that they currently receive, effective on or about January 20, 2015. The notice clearly underscored that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service, and provided a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Nexus service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of this notice, which also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), is appended as Exhibit A.⁴ The impact of this discontinuance will be minimal because fewer than 20 Nexus wireline subscribers are being discontinued, and those consumers have multiple options for alternative service providers in South Carolina.

Reasons for the discontinuance: As evinced by its current provision of wireline service to fewer than 20 customers in South Carolina, Nexus has increasingly focused its business on providing prepaid *wireless* Lifeline service in over 30 states. Moreover, Nexus has determined that market conditions make it unfeasible to continue provision of wireline intrastate services.

⁴ Nexus has filed a Section 63.71 application with the FCC for approval to discontinue the domestic interstate services provided as part of these service offerings.

Consequently, Nexus proposes to discontinue its wireline service offerings in all of its service areas and to become a wireless-only provider. Nexus will continue to provide wireless services in the state after the discontinuance of its wireline service.

Public Interest considerations: Commission approval of this plan will serve the public interest. The services offered by Nexus are available from other providers in the South Carolina market. Consequently, Nexus's customers will not be unduly harmed as they will be able to transition to new providers. Consistent with South Carolina and FCC requirements, Nexus's customers have been given sufficient advance notice of the need to select a new provider such that they will be able to do so in a thoughtful and informed manner. Company representatives will be available at least until January 20, 2015 to assist customers with this process.

Accordingly, Nexus respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application for approval to proceed with the proposed discontinuance of service. Questions and correspondence regarding this Petition should be addressed to the undersigned or to James M. Smith (jamesmsmith@dwt.com, (202) 973-4288).

Respectfully submitted.

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**ATTORNEYS FOR NEXUS
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December 22, 2014.



Nexus Communications, Inc.
P.O. Box 247168
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December 16, 2014

Dear TSI Home Phone Subscriber:

We regret to inform you that Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI ("TSI") will be discontinuing home phone service in your state on January 20th, 2015. Your action is required! You must select a new provider if you wish to continue to have home phone service. In order to ensure a smooth transition to your new provider - including keeping your current telephone number - you should find a new provider of home phone service by January 20th, 2015.

Find New Provider By: by January 20th, 2015

TSI Service Will Be Shut Down: by January 20th, 2015

Other providers of home phone service in your state include Additional providers may be listed in your local telephone book. You will need to contact the other company to set up a new account.

Please provide your telephone number to the new service provider when making arrangements to obtain new service:

FCC Notice

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this

proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

TSI regrets any inconvenience these changes may cause you.

Sincerely,

Nexus Communications, Inc. d/b/a TSI Customer Service Department

1-866-392-7123

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been served by electronic mail service on the following this 22nd day of December, 2014:

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